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SUBJECT: SANYA ON THE POLICIES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

PRIME MINISTER SANYA THMMASAK HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON
JUNE 1, 1974. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION
OF HIS COMMENTS ON POLICIES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT:

REPORTER WHICH POLICY MUST BE CARRIED OUT URGENTLY?

SANYA WE HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON REDUCING CRIME
TO THE UTMOST OF OUR ABILITY. USING MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, AND
CONSULTATIONS MUST BE HELD ON WHAT OTHER WAYS COULD BE
FOUND. NEXT COMESTHE POLICY OF REDUCING THE COST OF LIVING
WE HAVE MADE AMNY EFFORTS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE BUT NO RESULTS
HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. SHOULD IT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REDUCE IT,
WE MUST ENDEAVOR TO PREVENT IT FROM INCREASING FURTHER THAN
AT PRESENT... EVERY ACTION WE TAKE MUST BE PROPER, CLEAN
AND ABOVEBAORD. THIS IS PLEDGE PROFESSOR SANYA LIKES TO
MAKE, AND IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS IF THIS PLEDGE CANNOT BE
KEPT.

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IN REGARD TO LONG-RANGE POLICIES-- WHICH I DON'T KNOW

WHETHE THE PEOPLE WILL APPROVE OR NOT--THEY ARE POLICIES
ON WHICH I WISH TO OBTAIN PUBLIC OPINION.. AS TO WHETHER
THEY WANT THIS GOVERNMENT TO PLAN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION OR
NOT. WE ARE, HOWEVER, OF THE VIEW THAT SHOUD WE DRAFT
PLANS.. FOR THE GOVERNMENT APPOINTED AS A RESULT OF THE
GENERAL ELECTION, IT SHOUD BE USEFUL BECAUSE THAT WOULD
MEAN THAT THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT HAVE TO START FROM
SCRATCH. THOSE POLICIES ARE ON LAND REFORM AND ON REFORM-
ING THE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION, AND THEY ARE VERY LONG-RANGE
POLICIES. SHOUD WE LAY DOWN A FOUNDATION TO A
SUITABLE EXTENT, IT WOULD MEAN THAT WE HAVE PERFORMED OUR
DUTIES DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE ARE A GOVERNMENT THAT
WILL HAVE A TERM OF ONLY 7 MONTHS AND 7 DAYS. WE WILL HAVE
LAID DOWN A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE. COULD 'T YOU HELP
SOUND OUT THE PEOPLE IN REGARD TO THESE LONG-RANGE POLCIES
AND FIND OUT WHETHER THEY APPROVE OUR PLAN TO LAY DOWN A
FOUNDATION FOR THEM?
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